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- 1. Courses for civilian defense against air attacks are being held daily from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in all districts of Belgrade, and all persons, other than military, are required to attend. The courses are supervised by a committee from the Ministry of Internal Affairs, while actual instruction is given by members of the Union of Fighters. Methods of defense against poison, gas and the atom bomb are discussed, and shelters are being built and equipped.
- 2. First aid courses are given to young girls who are not required to take pre-military training, as well as widows and members of the AFZ. The courses are organized and directed by the Red Cross and attendance is on a voluntary basis. Actual instruction is given by nurses and nurses aids from the city clinics, and in some cases by druggists and military medical personnel. The courses are held in the various Red Cross offices and buildings. Every street in Belgrade, according to the plans, will have one group or team of first aid people who will be qualified to render first aid in the event Belgrade is bombed.
- 3. Priority is being given to pre-military training, outside military units, to all physically qualified young men and women. This training is the responsibility of special committees who conduct classes in schools, factories and districts. The lectures are given by reserve officers and youths who have completed reserve officers school, and certain advanced phases of theory and practice are given by active Army officers. To spare equipment, field exercises are held with wooden weapons. Occasionally, students attending the courses are sent for short periods into regular Army units in order to make them familiar with the various weapons.

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